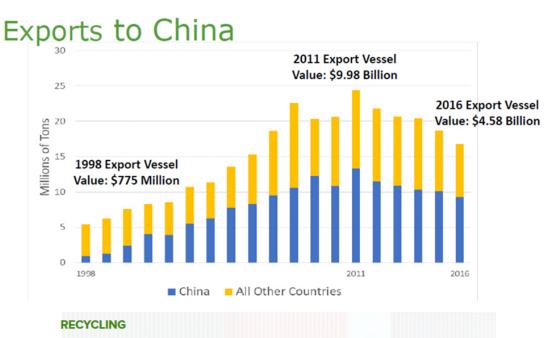


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# **Global Context**



### The China Conundrum

Although many unanswered questions remain, in this month's edition of Business Insights, we attempt to recap recent Chinese actions with regard to recycled commodities and examine some of the issues going forward.

# National Issue

THE BUSINESS > LEGISLATION & REGULATION

### U.S. Recyclables Pile Up as China's Waste Import Ban Goes into Effect

Mountains of U.S. recyclables are piling up as municipal solid waste departments, haulers, recyclers and other stakeholders try to find new options for recyclable products.

Waste360 Staff | Jan 02, 2018

COLLECTION AND TRANSFER > RESIDENTIAL

#### Inspectors in Toronto to Sort through Residential Recycling Bins to Reduce Contamination

With this new inspection process, the city hopes to improve its recycling education efforts and lower its contamination rate to below 25 percent.

RECYCLING > SOURCE SEPARATION

# Ocala, Fla., Struggles with Contamination in Recycling Bins

The city of Ocala, Fla., is currently working to reduce the amount of contaminated recycling bins found on residential collection routes.

Waste360 Staff | Oct 09, 2017

RECYCLING

# Orange County, N.C., Affected by China's Recycling Ban

The biggest challenge the county will face is rigid plastic because China will soon no longer accept it and there's nowhere to sell the material to domestically.

Waste 360 Staff | Nov 17, 2017

# Efforts Undertaken

RECYCLING > PLASTICS

### Big Corporations Sign On to Revitalize North American **Recycled Plastics Market**

The Recycle Demand Champions initiative hopes to increase demand for post-consumer resin.

Arlene Karidis | Jan 25, 2018

SWANA Disappointed in China's Finalized Waste Import Restrictions

January 11, 2018

China's Ministry of Environmental Protection (MEP) finalized a quality standard of 0.5 percent for certain imported recyclables, failing to properly

### City Launches 'Concord Recycles: One Bin – No Bags' Campaign

Do not place plastic bags in curbside recycling, or contain recycling within plastic bags.

By Concord General Services, Patch Contributor | Jan 24, 2018 8:50 am ET | Updated Jan 24, 2018 9:49 am ET





# What Next?

- Residents should pay close attention to the contents of their recycling bins.
- Plastics Bags (and plastic films) are not acceptable. This is for bags contained within a recycling bin or a bag containing recyclables.
- Casella collectors will be tagging noncompliant materials.
- Recycling Bins available at the COMF.

